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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM  
SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. SUMMARY: PRESS REPORTING ON CONFERENCE PLAYED UP  
SIGNIFICANCE OF BULGARIAN ROLE (LARGELY FOR DOMESTIC  
AUDIENCES), BUT FOCUSED ON SEVERAL FAVORITE TARGETS:  
ZIONISM AND US (PARTICULARLY US NON-PARTICIPATION AT  
CONFERENCE AND US TREATMENT OF MINORITIES). CHINA ALSO  
RECEIVED CRITICISM. END SUMMARY.

2. AUG 18 RABOTNICHESKO DELO SET FORTH BULGARIAN POLICY  
VIS-A-VIS CONFERENCE AS BEING AIMED AT ELIMINATING RACIAL  
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AND NATIONAL PREJUDICES AND AT CREATING CONDITIONS FOR  
A FREE EXPRESSION OF NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS. PRESS LATER  
NOTED "BULGARIA HAD WON WELL-DESERVED PUBLIC RECOGNITION  
FOR ITS REAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE DRIVE AGAINST SHAMEFUL  
POLITICAL OCCURRENCES," (ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME AUG 29&5

3. MEDIA ATTACKS ON US BEGAN SOON ENOUGH. AUG 23

RD CRITICIZED US TREATMENT OF BLACKS, CLAIMING THAT 94 PERCENT VOTED FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAD DONE ALMOST NOTHING TO CHANGE SITUATION SINCE IT CAME TO POWER. ARTICLE TERMED IT A "PERMANENT PRACTICE" OF AMERICAN SOCIETY TO ACCUSE NEGROES FALSELY OF CRIMES. TRUD SAME DAY BEGAN SERIES OF ARTICLES OF SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM AUG 14 NEWSWEEK'S "BLACK YOUTH IN AMERICA - THE LOST GENERATION."

4. ATTACKS CONTINUED WITH AUG 26 RD ACCUSING US OF BEING THE MOST ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND DISMISSED OFFICIAL US REASON FOR NON-PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE. RD OPINED US REFUSAL WAS DICTATED BY APPREHENSION THAT THE CONFERENCE'S WORLD FORUM MIGHT BECOME A COURT OF JUSTICE AGAINST RACISM IN US. IT CONTINUED THAT THIS INSTANCE "AGAIN UNMASKS THE GREAT HYPOCRISY OF THE DEMAGOGIC CAMPAIGN WASHINGTON CONDUCTS FOR THE 'PROTECTION' OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" WHEN IT SHOULD EXAMINE THE MILLIONS "OPPRESSED" IN THE US. AUG 28 TRUD CARRIED ARTICLE IN SAME VEIN, GETTING IN A SWIPE AT CHINA BY ADDING MAOISTS REPS AT CONFERENCE ASSUMED THE SAME POSITION AS THE RACIST REGIMES.

5. AUG 29 ZZ, IN "VERDICT ON RACISM" COMMENTARY, SUMMED UP CONFERENCE AS ANOTHER "REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DRIVE FOR LASTING ABOLITION OF COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND APARTHEID." ZZ ALSO SAID, "PROBABLY WASHINGTON FEARED THAT IN THE FOCUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE GENEVA FORUM THERE MIGHT COME ALSO THE DISMAL LOT IN THE UNITED STATES ITSELF OF THE 25 MILLION NEGRO POPULATION, OF THE IMMIGRANTS FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, OF THE INDIANS."  
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